

OPINION 1579

Pycinaster magnificus Spencer, 1913 (Echinodermata, Asteroidea): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *dutemplei* d'Orbigny, 1850, as published in the binomen *Pentetagonaster dutemplei*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *magnificus* Spencer, 1913, as published in the binomen *Pycinaster magnificus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *dutemplei* d'Orbigny, 1850, as published in the binomen *Pentetagonaster dutemplei* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2564

An application for the conservation of *Pycinaster magnificus* Spencer, 1913 was received from M G. Breton (*Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Le Havre, France*) on 18 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 45: 125–126 (June 1988). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment in support received from C.W. Wright (*Beaminster, Dorset, U.K.*) was published in BZN 46: 46 (March 1989).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 45: 126. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1989 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahner, Martins de Souza, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Schuster, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 3: Holthuis, Minelli and Thompson.

No vote was returned by Savage.

Holthuis commented that the name *magnificus* had only had limited use. Thompson considered that insufficient evidence had been presented to decide whether use of the plenary powers was justified.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

dutemplei, *Pentetagonaster*, d'Orbigny, 1850, *Prodrome de paléontologie stratigraphique universelle des animaux mollusques et rayonnés*, vol. 2, p. 274.

magnificus, *Pycinaster*, Spencer, 1913, *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London*, (B)204: 125.